

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-126 were pending in this application.

The Examiner has found that there are allegedly six distinct inventions in the application and has required restriction to one of the inventions, as follows:

I. Claims 1-51, 103-114, and 121-126, drawn to a system and a method for "implementing a program guide that further provides and coordinates access to non-program guide applications."

II. Claims 52-66, drawn to a system and a method for "implementing program guide that further enables the user to designate particular applications as favorites."

III. Claims 67-81, drawn to a system and a method for "implementing program guide that further enables the user to establish parental controls."

IV. Claims 82-96, drawn to a system and a method for "implementing program guide wherein applications operate either in the foreground or background."

V. Claims 97-102, drawn to a system and a method for "implementing program guide that further enables the user to set reminders."

VI. Claims 115-120, drawn to a system and a method for "implementing program guide that authenticates requests from the applications to use resources."

Applicants' Election and Amendments

Claims 1, 18, 35, and 103 have been amended to more particularly define the invention. Claims 12-14, 29-31, 46-48, 53-55, 58-60, 63-65, 68-70, 73-75, 78-80, and 82 have been amended to conform to claim language used in originally filed claims. No new subject matter has been added and the amendments are fully supported by the specification. Claims 107-110 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Applicants hereby elect without traverse the claims remaining in the invention of Group I (claims 1-51, 103-106, 111-114, and 121-126) for examination in this application (claims 107-110 have been canceled). This election is expressly without waiver of applicants' rights to pursue claims in Groups II-VI in one or more divisional applications.

An early and favorable action is respectfully
requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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